DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Rescission of Finding of No Significant Impact for the I-5 Rose Quarter

Improvement Project in Portland, Oregon

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that it has rescinded the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project, a proposed highway project on Interstate 5 in Portland, Oregon.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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Background

On November 6, 2020, at 85 FR 71136, FHWA advised the public that it had prepared a Revised Environmental Assessment and a FONSI for the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project. The proposed improvements would extend existing auxiliary lanes in the northbound and southbound directions to improve safety and operations on

Interstate-5 (I-5) between Interstate 84 and Interstate 405, and make improvements to

local streets to improve multimodal connections over I-5. Changes made to the project

after the FONSI was issued necessitate vacating that finding and conducting additional

analysis to account for altered environmental impacts before proceeding. A new decision

under the National Environmental Policy Act and any other necessary Federal

environmental determinations will be issued consistent with this additional analysis.

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